

## SPECIAL NOTICES.

### FOR SALE.

Two hundred shares of Lake Spring Land Company, stock for \$4 per share. The land of this company is entirely paid for; over two-thirds of the lots remain unsold, and the stock worth \$8 per share on the books of the company.

WILBUR S. POLE & CO.,

Rooms 3 and 4, Exchange Building.

### NOTICE.

We can sell lots in the heart of the town at 25 to 40 per cent. lower than any other lots near them can be bought for.

SIMMONS, AMBLER & CO.,

REAL ESTATE AGENTS,

Buchanan, Va.

Office corner Washington and Water streets.

### MUSIC HAS ITS CHARMS.

We desire to call the attention of the citizens of Roanoke and Southwest Virginia to our extensive stock of superb pianos of the following makes. We mention separately the celebrated

"Everett," one of the best; also the

Weber, Stock and a number of others of

fine make. We sell them on easy terms

and guarantee all of them to give entire

satisfaction. All you have to do is to

call, see them and be convinced. Organ,

all of the best makes, constantly on

hand.

M. L. SMITH.

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### I HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE

largest consignment of singing canaries ever brought to Norfolk at one time. Every bird is guaranteed a singer. As a special inducement to out of town buyers I will make the following

Christmas offer: One guaranteed male singer, one fine brass cage, one spring hook and chain, one box seed, one box silver gravel; all complete for \$5. provided you will cut out this advertisement and send with order. Write for prices of gold fish and aquariums. W. F. WICKERMAN, 65 and 67 Granby St., Norfolk, Va.

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### TO LEASE—COAL YARD—The coal

business interfering with the delivery of lumber, we will lease the privilege to any responsible party. CLARE & READ, office 316 Roanoke street. Phone 70.

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### A FINE LINE OF FURNITURE,

cook stoves, carpets, crockery, silver plated ware and Christmas presents will be sold in the large room over Berlin's Auction House Tuesday, December 23, at 10 a. m.

G. M. BERLIN,

dec21-1f General Auctioneer.

### NOTICE TO WATER-CONSUMERS.

On and after this date and until further notice the water will be shut off between the hours of 11 p. m. and 6 a. m., in order to store a supply in the reservoir for use in case of fire. J. C. RAWN, Manager.

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### A SPECIAL BARGAIN.

Eight hundred feet, street front, Commonwealth avenue and Rutherford street. Price \$6,000. J. P. HUDSON REAL ESTATE CO., 118 Jefferson street, s. w.

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### THE ROANOKE DEVELOPMENT

COMPANY.

Is ready to enter into negotiations with parties wishing to establish

MANUFACTURING ENTERPRISES

AT

ROANOKE, VIRGINIA.

Address

ARTHINGTON GILPIN,

General Manager Roanoke Development Company, Roanoke, Va. dec5-1m

### MORE ABOUT THE WRECK.

The body of Atwood has not been found yet.

Superintendent Flicker and Mr. Bransford got in late last night from the scene of the wreck above Buchanan, which resulted, as stated in THE TIMES yesterday, in the death of Fireman Atwood and Brakenom Houston.

The body of Atwood has not yet been found. The supposition that it was carried away by the river is not now credited. Superintendent Flicker told a representative of THE TIMES that he thinks it is buried under the wreck of the engine in the river. He says it will take four or five days to get the engine and five cars out of the river, as the embankment over which they were precipitated was quite steep. A large force of hands is now engaged in that work.

The southward evening passenger last night was delayed until 10:30 o'clock, but everything was moving on the road early in the morning.

Rev. Mr. Wharton to Preach.

Rev. T. P. Wharton, of Steel Creek, Mechenburg county, N. C., will preach in the Presbyterian Church to-night.

Mr. Wharton is one of the rising young ministers in the North Carolina synod, and also one of the ablest orators. He is a thorough student of the Bible, and always charms his audiences. Mr. Wharton's congregation comprises the largest country church in the Southern General Assembly.

Clearing Sidewalks.

Gangs of laborers were yesterday engaged in removing the snow from in front of vacant lots in the business center under the direction of the city authorities. In places it had been beaten down and so thoroughly packed by traffic that it had to be dug up with pickaxes before removal. This work will be charged against the owners of the property, and the sums collected as taxes

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## ROANOKE POSTOFFICE TOPICS.

### An Interesting Talk With Assistant Postmaster O'Brien.

The Territory of the Carriers Soon to be Enlarged, Making an Allowance for Car Fare Necessary—An Additional Clerk Recently Allowed—Negotiations Pending for the Settlement of an Old Rent Question.

"The amount of mail handled by the city postoffice is a first-rate index to the growth of a community," said Assistant Postmaster James M. O'Brien to a Times reporter yesterday.

Having delivered this axiom, Mr. O'Brien was asked what were the needs of the office at this juncture. He said:

"We now have seven carriers, and make one delivery each day. The territory to cover extends from one end of the town to the other, and shortly this space will practically have to be doubled, as we will be compelled to make two deliveries a day."

"We shall then have to make demand upon the Postoffice Department for carfare allowances, as it will be very necessary for the carriers to quickly get from place to place. This allowance is made in some instances where the needs of the service require it, and I believe we will be able to procure it."

"We also need an extension of box-room. All of our boxes are now taken, and we have fifty applications on file now for these handy mail receptacles. Of course, as the town builds up and men bring their families here, they will generally have their mail delivered at their houses, and the demand for lock-boxes will be confined mostly to business houses. Now men who are boarding have boxes to insure receipt of their mail."

"What has the Department done for you lately?" asked the reporter.

"Well, they gave us an additional clerk at \$300 per annum on the 15th of November. This, however, was but a nominal increase, since he had been employed previously and paid by the Postmaster himself."

"How about the controversy between the office and the Department on the question of rent?"

"The building occupied by the city postoffice was leased for a period ending June 30, 1888, and the Mr. Asberry's predecessor notified the Department that it was impossible to secure a building at the rental then allowed, \$400 per annum. In September, 1887, a special agent was sent by the Department to inquire into the matter, who was also unsuccessful in securing an office."

"Thereupon this agent entered into a contract with Mrs. S. V. Day for the erection of a suitable building for the use of the postoffice, the same to be ready for occupancy July 1st of the next year, the agent, on behalf of the Government, agreeing to lease the same for five years at the rate of \$500 per year."

"In accordance with this contract the structure was erected and turned over to the postmaster July 1st, 1888. The postoffice appropriation bill which passed Congress that year, however, carried but \$400 per annum for rent of building for Roanoke, and the same has been the case since, and each year the local postmaster has been compelled to pay out of his own salary the additional \$100 to the owner of the building."

"Mr. Asberry went to Washington about two weeks since to endeavor to arrange matters in this connection, and the authorities directed him to prepare a statement to this effect, which he has done, and it has been transmitted to the Postmaster General. We hope to have the matter straightened out before long."

Mr. O'Brien also stated that he had placed one of the large newspaper and package boxes recently received at the corner of Jefferson street and Salem avenue. This will be a great convenience to the public, particularly at this time, owing to the number of packages which are being sent away carrying gifts of the season.

The money order and postal note branch of the business here is doing a largely increased business just at present, and things generally about the office are lively.

At the Opera House.

Manager Beckner of the Opera House, proposes to do his share toward furnishing the public with Christmas entertainment. Miss Marie Prescott, for years one of America's footlight favorites, will appear in three performances this week in company with Mr. R. D. McLean, one of the rising tragedians of the day.

At the Christmas matinee "The Merchant of Venice" will be given with Miss Prescott, of course, as Portia. It is a charming character, and one which will lack nothing in her hands. In the evening "Spartacus" will take the boards. Mr. McLean's heroic figure and rich, "magnetic" voice vibrates in the gamut of feeling, pathos, tenderness and defiance. On Friday night "Cleopatra" is to be presented: The version is from Haggard's well-known novel. Mr. McLean assumes the striking role of Harnachis.

To close the week Richard's and Pringle's Georgia minstrels will come Saturday night with Billy Kersands, Will Eldridge, the Mallorys and a silver cornet band street parade if the streets will let them.

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## THE STORM IN THE COUNTY.

Houses Blown Down and Much Damage Done.

The damage by the great storm extended throughout Roanoke county.

About eleven miles south of Roanoke, in the Blue Ridge mountains, the snow is reported to have been four and a half feet deep. The barns and stables of

Squire Sam Wood and Garrison Wood were demolished by the weight of the snow. A large amount of feed was damaged and cattle were injured.

Throughout the southern part of the county the storm was very severe and much damage was done to buildings and stock.

The work on the Roanoke and Southern was suspended. Seventy-five hands were at work on the three miles this side of Maggotty Gap and they were all thrown out of work for a few days.

Large numbers of hands at different places along the line were thrown out of employment, but no serious suffering is reported.

The scrapers will be put in the cuts Monday to clear away the snow preparatory to recommending the work as soon as possible.

In the northwestern part of the county a number of houses collapsed and some horses and cattle were killed. There was considerable damage in the vicinity of Mason Cave and the county poorhouse.

About Back creek, in the southwestern part of the county, many tobacco barns were ruined by the snow and much tobacco was damaged, besides much injury to other farm houses.

But very few people from the county came into the city before yesterday, and the number was small then. Quite a number of farmers had killed pork and prepared other produce for market, but most of them have been unable to reach the city.

The roads all over the county are reported as almost impassable.

Daniel C. Moomaw, of the county, was in the city yesterday, and reports the roads as being yet all but impassable. Thursday morning the weight of snow upon two of his barns caused their collapse. In the barns were stored 1,000 bushels of corn, twenty tons of hay, and other feed. They also sheltered twelve horses, eight or ten cows, and a number of hogs. "Three cows and several hogs were killed, but the beams fell in such a way as to protect the horses from serious injury, although imprisoned for several hours. The damage to buildings and contents will not be less than \$2,000."

SLUGGING AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

A small audience gathered at the Opera House last night to witness the glove contest between Carter Lyons, of Richmond, and Edward McAleer, an employe of the Roanoke Machine Works. The contest was of four three-minute rounds, Chas. J. Ormsby acting as referee and Mr. Beckner, manager of the Opera House, as time-keeper. The contest was quite lively, though, of course, McAleer was no match for Lyons.

At the conclusion of the contest Chas. J. Ormsby put on the gloves—or, more strictly speaking, the glove—and offered to spar a round with Lyons. Everyone expected that the latter gentleman would easily best his one-armed antagonist, but they were mistaken. Ormsby proved to be a much quicker man than Lyons, and succeeded in dodging most of the latter's blows, while his one arm would occasionally shoot out and his glove would find a resting place on Lyons' head or body.

By this time the enthusiasm of the crowd was considerably aroused, and when two little "coons" appeared on the stage, with gloves on their hands, they were given a regular ovation.

After banging each other for awhile, provoking lots of fan, they were presented with a hand full of nickles apiece and gave way to two larger darkies, who, while they had no science, possessed plenty of pluck. This was the only contest in which blood flowed and in which any knock-downs occurred.

Before the audience dispersed Lyons announced that he would remain in the city for several days, and that he was very anxious to meet Murphy, the local champion, for a purse of \$100 or more. Murphy said he was willing to fight under those terms, and no doubt a contest will be arranged between these two shortly.

Plans Preparing for the Opera House.

The Roanoke Opera House Company are forging rapidly ahead with their venture. The ground has been bought and the money to pay for it is on hand as soon as the deeds are drawn and title declared perfect, and plans and specifications for the structure are now preparing. It is understood that Manager Beckner, of the Opera House, will be given the control of it next year, in which event the company will be assured of high-class performances and experienced management, as Mr. Beckner is well known to theatrical people, and can advantageously dispose of dates.

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## LATEST N. & W. APPOINTMENTS.

### General Eastern and Western Divisions Established.

The Subdivisions of the Two General Divisions—The Company Promotes a Number of Faithful Employees—Mr. Wallis the Only New Man in the List.

In accordance with the revised organization, the following appointments have been made by the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company, to take effect January 1st, 1891:

Thos. Lowe, division engineer, maintenance of way, eastern general division, with office at Roanoke, Va.

G. M. Thompson, division engineer, maintenance of way, western general division, with office at Roanoke, Va.

Philip Wallis, division superintendent motive power, eastern general division, with office at Roanoke, Va.

R. P. C. Sanderson, division superintendent motive power, western division, with office at Roanoke, Va.

T. H. Bransford, superintendent Roanoke division, with office at Roanoke, Va.

J. W. Cook, superintendent Shenandoah division, with office at Shenandoah, Va.

The road will, after the first of the year, be operated in two general divisions, each of which will be in charge of a general superintendent.

The first is the eastern general division, consisting of that portion of the line extending east and north from Roanoke, including the Roanoke yard, and the western general division, consisting of that portion of the line extending from Roanoke.

For purposes of operation the eastern general division will be divided into four sub-divisions, as follows:

Norfolk division, from Lambert's Point to Crewe, with all intermediate branches, and including Crewe yard. The office will be at Crewe, Va.

Lynchburg division, from Crewe to Roanoke, with all intermediate branches, and including Roanoke yard, with office at Roanoke, Va.

Roanoke division, from Roanoke to Shenandoah, with all intermediate branches, with office at Roanoke, Va.

Shenandoah division, from Shenandoah to Hagerstown, with all intermediate branches, and including Shenandoah Valley, with office at Shenandoah, Va.

The western general division will be divided into sub-divisions, as follows:

Radford division, from Roanoke to Bluefield, with all intermediate branches, and including Radford yard, with office at Radford, Va.

Pulaski division, from Radford to Bristol, with all intermediate branches, with office at Radford, Va.

Clinch Valley division, from Graham to Norton, with all intermediate branches, with office at Bluefield, W. Va.

Peachontas division, from Bluefield to Pondmouth, with all intermediate branches, and including Bluefield yard, with office at Bluefield, W. Va.

Kenova division, from Pondmouth to Kenova, with all intermediate branches, and including Kenova yard, with office at Kenova, W. Va.

Scioto Valley division, from Kenova to Columbus, with all intermediate branches, with office at Columbus, Ohio.

For the present the Peachontas division will be under the supervision of the superintendent of the Clinch Valley division, and the Kenova division will be under the supervision of the superintendent of the Scioto Valley division.

Circulars making known these appointments and sub-divisions of this great railroad will be sent out in a few days, signed General Manager J. H. Sands, and approved by President F. J. Kimball.

Thos. Lowe, who takes charge of the eastern general division, has been division engineer on the Shenandoah Valley road.

G. M. Thompson, who is the division engineer over the western general division, has been in the past the engineer in charge of the double track work.

Philip Wallis, as THE TIMES has before noted, was connected with the motive power of the C. B. and Q. railroad.

R. P. C. Sanderson, of the motive power of the western division, has been Superintendent Haupt's assistant.

T. H. Bransford, who has been made superintendent of the Roanoke division, has been trainmaster of the Shenandoah Valley division No. 1, extending to Shenandoah, and J. W. Cook, who takes the superintendency of the Shenandoah division, has been trainmaster of the Shenandoah Division No. 2, extending from Shenandoah to Hagerstown.

Previous to this the divisions of the Norfolk and Western road have been the eastern, from Norfolk to Crewe; the Lynchburg, from Crewe to Roanoke; the Radford division, from Roanoke to Bluefield. The western division, from Radford to Bristol, including the Cripple Creek division; the Flat Top division, from Bluefield on west, including the coal branches and the Clinch Valley branch.

See our Christmas Chimes advertisement on the third page. It's a thing of beauty.

Coal Miners Shot at by Strikers.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 20.—[Special]—At the Coalburg mines, near Birmingham, Ala., yesterday a number of striking miners signed an agreement with the Mine Workers' Union and returned to work last night. The party were engaged in cleaning out the opening of the slope, when they were fired on by parties in ambush. Later Jim Galvin, a striker, was arrested and jailed charged with the shooting. Written notices were found posted all about the Coalburg mines warning all striking miners not to return to work under the penalty of death. The notices were ornamented with skulls and cross-bones. The company has officers guarding the men who returned to work.

## BUILDING INSPECTOR WANTED.

Bernard Clark Talks Sense About Roanoke Buildings.

"There is one thing that has not received the prominence it deserves in connection with the late storm," said Bernard Clark, of the firm of Oliver & Co., lumber dealers and builders, to a Times reporter yesterday.

"And what was that?" rejoined the reporter.

"Well, it is the evident flimsiness of many buildings in the city which shelter people, property and animals. The city council should pay more attention to the construction of houses."

"A building inspector should forthwith be appointed, a practical mechanic and experienced builder, whose duty it should be to see that buildings are properly constructed. A more wholesome regard should be paid to modes of exit, fire escapes should be placed on all high buildings, and stairways should be so built as not to prove flues in time of fire."

"Many buildings now constructing are veritable fire traps, the brick work in instances is of a kind which would crumble and fall should a fire occur in the building, and then—after a few poor fellows have lost their lives—the subject of providing for inspection of buildings would receive the attention which should be bestowed upon it now."

"The many new houses going up certainly show the progressiveness of Roanoke, but it certainly would increase the comfort and satisfaction of the prospective dwellers in them if they knew there was an inspector to guard against shoddy and poor construction."

"Some may think that this inspection will increase the cost of buildings and prevent the erection of cheap dwellings. This does not of a necessity follow."

"If the proper man were appointed inspector, and laws were enacted to aid him in his work and enforce his authority, it would compel contractors to exercise more care in selecting material, procuring skilled labor and putting up their structures in a substantial manner."

"The laws which govern in this respect the cities of the North could be administered here with a great deal of profit, and we would see a healthy growth of the city."

"Then the snow might beat down without causing such deplorable accidents as were witnessed this week."

## THE WATER SUPPLY.

Five Feet of Water in the Reservoir This Morning.

The work on the wrecked pump house and boiler rooms at the water works still continues. The work of rebuilding will be begun at once and pushed rapidly to completion.

The management told a Times representative that they intend to build such a structure as will stand the test of heavy snows and raging winds.

The parts of the building that are standing, but which may be considered in the slightest degree unsafe will be pulled down and rebuilt from the foundation.

A temporary structure will be erected over the pumps and boilers to protect them until the building is up.

"The lower part of the city," said Mr. Lyons, of the Water Works Company, to the reporter, "is most of the water that we pump into the mains by the old pump, but to-day at 1 o'clock we turned off the water from the Machine Works and sent it to the high parts of the city."

Until 11 o'clock last night there had not been a gallon of water pumped into the reservoir since the roof of the pump house fell in. But at the hour above mentioned the city mains were cut off and the old pump worked to its full capacity to give the reservoir an emergency supply in case of fire. This was carrying out the careful plans of Manager J. C. Rawn to protect the city from danger, with the least possible deprivation to the water-takers.

By 7 this morning half a million gallons of water will be put to the 5-foot mark in the reservoir and the emergency will be over for the present. Householders on the upper levels of the city will be able to get water from 7:30 to 9:30 this morning, and those who have been using snow-water will be able to give praise for a taste of pure spring water once again.

The same plan will be continued of shutting off water for a few hours nightly until the regular state of affairs can be resumed. The fire department is in close communication with the pump house, so that the pressure can be put on instantly in case of fire.

MOVING AT THE RAILROAD OFFICES.

Some of the S. V. Officials Swapping Rooms With N. & W. Officers.

The Shenandoah Valley railroad offices are being overhauled and a large number of men were whitewashing yesterday.

Superintendents Flicker and Hippey will move into Mr. Pope's rooms in the Norfolk and Western building.

Superintendent Haupt will move a part of his force into Vice-President Eddy's rooms.

Mr. Cox will make room for Mr. McDowell.

Hotel Burned in Thomasville.

THOMASVILLE, Ga., Dec. 20.—Fire broke out in the Illinois House, a large boarding house, at 1:30 o'clock yesterday, and owing to a lack of water in the reservoir, extended to the main building, which was totally destroyed. The furniture was saved. Mr. Dickerson, the proprietor, had \$3,000 insurance on the building and \$500 on the furniture.

Can't Find It.

H. P. Strassbaugh, of Creswell, Md., has been in Roanoke the past week looking after his extensive interests here. Since Wednesday last, however, he has sought his real estate in vain, as it has been concealed beneath a mantle of snow.

## ALL HUNTING THE INDIANS.

### 500 Friendly Indians Engaged in the Search.

Indians Quiet at Fort Yates—Big Foot and Hump Returned to the Agency—The Available Force at Cheyenne Under Gen. Carr, About 1,500.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 20.—[Special]—The Journal's Rapid City, S. D., special says: Gen. Miles has received advices from Gen. Brooke that 500 friendly Indians left Pine Ridge yesterday to attempt to bring in hostiles. Dispatches from Lieut. Coldrum, at Fort Yates, announce that the Indians are quiet. Thirty-nine of Sitting Bull's Indians, who left the agency Monday, have sent in word that they will return.

Gen. Carr has thrown out the cavalry force to intercept a band now reported to be moving across the reservation to Bad Lands. If the force fails to intercept them they will be pursued and arrested. Gen. Miles says no advance will be made until the result of the Pine Ridge embassy is known.

Big Foot and Hump have surrendered and returned to the agency. General Miles discredited